



City of Westminster

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

Having enjoyed the fantastic Electric Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting and Santa's Treat which welcomed the holiday season in the City of Westminster, it is now time to reflect on the highlights of the past year.

This year the first five members of the Board of Commissioners in Carroll County were sworn in and Commissioner David Roush was inducted as the first District 3 Commissioner. We also installed two new Common Council members to the Westminster Council, Dennis Frazier and Paul Whitson, and welcomed back Dr. Robert Wack.

We have had a banner year on Main Street with a record 11 new shops opening and ten new offices, including the return of the Chamber of Commerce to downtown:

CUP Tea Bar and Café
Carroll Street Decor
Razzmatazz Salon
J Café

Furnace Hills Coffee Co.
Hats by Marjae
Anne Marie Rose Jewelry Design
Eclecticity

The Main Arterie
The Snooper's Shop
Hotlooks Hair Salon

The new Tourism Area and Corridor Program signs have been installed on the major roadways to direct visitors to our attractions and a major Baltimore Gas and Electric gas line upgrade and replacement project was announced.

The City, in conjunction with the Carroll County Economic Development Office, was successful in convincing Knorr Brake Corporation to build a new plant and remain in Westminster. They will expand the company, adding 60 new jobs. In addition, the City effectively enabled the Performance Food Group to add 70,000 sq ft. of refrigerated warehouse space with an innovative water reuse project.

It was also a dynamic year for capital projects. The City paved almost two miles of roads, reconstructed the East Green Street, Fitzhugh Avenue and Clifton Boulevard storm drains, and completed the Pennsylvania Avenue Lighting Project. The water meter replacement project was completed this summer, enabling all meters to be read from a vehicle rather than on foot, and all City buildings have had energy efficient lighting installed.

The electronic payment system for water and sewer billing was implemented in July and 1,000 customers now pay utility bills on line. A "voice over internet" phone system is currently being installed, eliminating over 150 phone lines, and providing much more efficient telephone service for our customers. We will continue to monitor and improve the services we provide to our residents.

The Common Council joins me in wishing you a healthy and happy 2012.

Sincerely,

Mayor Utz

Carroll Arts Center Events

Saturday, February 18 at 7:30pm: The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to announce that the acclaimed blues quartet "Hard Swimmin' Fish" will perform live on stage.

Tickets are \$18 for Adults and \$15 for CCAC Members, Students & Seniors. Snow date for the concert is Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 pm.

Monday, February 20 at 11am: Audiences favorite clown Michael Rosman will return to the Carroll Arts Center for a performance on President's Day. The special appearance is sponsored by the Davis Library, Inc.

Tickets for the show are \$8 for adults and \$6 for CCAC members, students 18 & Under and Seniors 60+. The snow date for the show is Tuesday, February 21 at 11am.

Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 at 8pm: Get ready to Sham-ROCK!!! The "juice" will be flowing as the high energy Celtic-Rock band Barleyjuice returns to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center for two live concerts. The performance is sponsored by Westminster dentist, Dr. Patrick Gallagher with support from Best Western Hotel. Wine, beer and snacks will be available for sale at both concerts.

Tickets are \$25 for Adults and \$23 for CCAC Members, Seniors 60+ and Students 18 & Under.

Sunday, March 18 at 2pm: The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to bring back the acclaimed ArtsPower Professional Touring Theatre Company for a performance of "The Rainbow Fish". The family-friendly musical production is 55 minutes long and ideal for families with children ages 4-9.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for CCAC Members, Students and Seniors.

Friday, March 23: The Carroll County Arts Council will be hosting a bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Friday, March 23 to see the award-winning Broadway musical "1776" at historic Ford's Theatre. The bus will depart from Westminster at 10am and return at 6:30pm. Advance reservations are required.

Tickets are \$65 or \$60 for Arts Council Members & Seniors. The price includes motor coach transportation, premium orchestra seat, light snack and driver gratuity.

Saturday, March 24 at 3pm: The Carroll County Arts Council is thrilled to announce a performance by the acclaimed Teelin Irish Dance Company. The show fuses traditional and contemporary Irish dance and music in an exciting new way.

Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$10 for CCAC Members, Seniors 60+ and Students 18 & Under.

Thursday, April 19: The Carroll County Arts Council will be hosting a bus trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Thursday, April 19 to see "Van Gogh, Up Close." The bus will depart from Westminster at 8am and return at 5pm. Advance reservations are required.

Tickets are \$65 or \$60 for Arts Council Members & Seniors. The price includes motor coach transportation, museum admission, audio tour, light snack and driver gratuity.

Please check our website for the most current and up-to-date schedule of events!



Gallery Exhibit

The Carroll County Arts Council announces its first exhibit of the 2012 season, "Something from Here: Something from There" which will be on display in their Tevis Gallery from January 19 through March 10, 2012.

Artists possess a visual vocabulary of images that are familiar to them and appear in the majority of their work. It can be something as small as the brush stroke of paint, visual metaphors or iconography.

The artists in this exhibit have been, either, living and creating here in the United States and have moved or travelled to another country, or, have been living in another country and have moved here. The exhibits demonstrate how each artist picks up habits, styles and techniques from these various places, and how the different cultures influence and inspire their work.

Gallery hours are 10am-4pm Monday through Saturday and 10am-8pm on Thursdays. Admission is FREE.

9th Annual Foreign Film Festival

The Carroll Arts Center will be home to the 9th Annual Foreign Film Festival, coordinated by FLICC (Film Lovers in Carroll County). The award-winning films will be screened every Friday in February at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for CCAC Members, students and seniors. McDaniel students and faculty are admitted free as McDaniel College is sponsoring the series. Series tickets are \$20 & \$15.

The schedule is as follows:

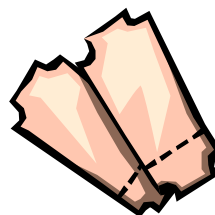
2/3/12 – "In a Better World"
2010; Denmark; Rated R; 119 mins
A Danish doctor and his family work at an African refugee camp and are faced with difficult choices between revenge and forgiveness.

2/10/12 – "The Age of Beauty"
1992; Spain; Rated R; 109 mins
A Spanish soldier deserts from the army in 1931. He becomes friends with a lonely old man who has four daughters. The soldier falls in love with all of them.

2/17/12 – "The Owl and the Sparrow"
2007; Vietnam; Rated PG; 97 mins
Three lonely strangers form a unique family in modern day Saigon as a young orphan plays matchmaker to a zookeeper and a beautiful flight attendant.

2/24/12 – "Seraphine"
2008; France; Unrated; 125 mins
A beautiful film based on the life of French painter Seraphine de Senlis and the unlikely location of one of her paintings.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-848-7272 or go to www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.



ONE FREE FILM TICKET

With the purchase of one ticket at regular admission price

Present this page at the Box Office

Expires February 24, 2012

For more information on any of these events, contact the Carroll Arts Center at 410-848-7272 or visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org

Reminder

This standard bulk trash collection schedule will be followed WITHOUT THE NEED TO CALL FOR A PICKUP. All bulk waste will be collected from residences throughout the City on this every-other-week schedule. Residents are required to place bulk pickup items out by 7a.m. on the designated pickup day to ensure collection.

Bulk Trash Schedule for 2012

January S M T WTh F S 1 N 3 Y 5 6 7 8 T M Y E W 14 15 N 17 Y 19 20 21 22 T M Y E W 27 28 29 30 Y Christmas trees will be picked up on Jan 9, 23 & 29	February S M T WTh F S Y 2 3 4 5 T M Y E W 11 12 13 14 Y 16 17 18 19 N M Y E W 25 26 27 28 Y	March S M T WTh F S 1 2 3 4 T M Y E W 10 11 12 13 Y 15 16 17 18 T M Y E W 24 25 26 27 Y 29 30 31
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Pickup Schedule Key

T	Tree limbs/Brush
M	Metal, Tires, Batteries, Large Appliances
Y	Yard waste
E	Bulk Trash East of MD Rt31 *including Village of Meadow Creek, excluding Carroll Meadows
W	Bulk Trash West of MD Rt31 *including Carroll Meadows, excluding Village of Meadow Creek
N	NO PICKUP, City offices closed for Holiday

*NOTE: If the scheduled pickup day falls on a City holiday, bulk trash items will be collected on the next scheduled date.

**For any questions regarding the above schedule, please contact the
City Information Desk at 410-848-9000**

Online Access for Water/Sewer Accounts

Get 24/7 unlimited access to your water/sewer account information by registering online at www.westminstermd.gov. View your bill before it arrives in the mail, see payments made and usage history any time of day or night, weekends and holidays. You can also pay your bill via Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit card through your online account.

Recreation Events: February–April

Parent's Night Out: February 18th 5-9 pm. Start making plans with your spouse, partner, friends or family because we have the child care covered! Go shopping, grab dinner, see a movie, or just relax!

When: Saturday, February 18 5-9 p.m.

Where: Longwell Municipal Center (old Armory), 11 Longwell Avenue

Cost: \$15 for the first child, \$5 each additional child (from the same household)

Kids will play games, watch movies, do a craft, plays sports, eat pizza and have a ball with our exceptionally trained staff of caregivers and teachers. During drop-off, parents will receive a list of downtown businesses with discount coupons. Call our office at 410-848-9161 to pre-register, *as space is limited!*

Middle School Dance

February 11 7-10 p.m.

**\$5 admission at the door
Longwell Municipal Center
(old armory)
11 Longwell Avenue**



**Join all your friends from Middle Schools around the county!
Join us for friends, snacks, smoothies for sale and, of course, cool tunes! It doesn't matter which school you attend, but you MUST be in grades 6-8 to participate!**

Call 410-848-9161 for more information!

American Red Cross Blood Drive February 22 1-7 p.m.

Give the gift of life at Westminster Family Fitness Center! Call for an appointment! 410-751-5501.



**Easter Egg Hunt—April 7
10:30 ages 1-4; 11:30 ages 5-8**
On the grounds of City Hall, 1838 Emerald Hill Road, bring a basket and hunt for more than 4,000 eggs! You could even win a special prize!

Toddler Parties

February 17— Candy Land Party

Kids will enjoy sweet themed games, crafts and stories!



March 16— Leapin' Leprechauns Party

Follow the leprechaun over the rainbow to play games, do crafts & maybe even find a pot 'o gold!



April 13—Grow With Me Party

Plant your very own flower and watch it grow!



**ALL PARTIES ARE FOR POTTY TRAINED KIDS AGES 3-5
\$15 PER CHILD**

Held at **COMMUNITY BUILDING AT WESTMINSTER
MUNICIPAL POOL** from 9-10:30 a.m.

325 Royer Road

Pre-registration is required.

Parent's Night OUT!

FEBRUARY 18 5-9p.m.—11 Longwell Avenue

Start making plans, because we've got the child care covered! Kids will play games, watch movies, eat pizza, make new friends and MORE!

\$15 first child/\$5 each additional (same household)

Space is limited, register today!



Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball—March 31 8-11p.m.

Longwell Municipal Center (old armory) Gymnasium

Join us for an evening of period dancing, instruction, light refreshments & fun. Period dress or formal attire required. Adults 18 & over are \$20, ages 13-17 are \$10 and 12 & under are free.

Call 410-857-9072 for more info.



**Father Son Mini Golf Tournament—April 14 10 a.m.
Westminster's Island Green**

\$25 per twosome, includes golf, tee, refreshments, & PRIZES!

410-848-9161

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